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 'Excellence and happiness for all'*

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NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 14 December 2023

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Mon 18 Dec	*NEW* KS2 Christmas Concert St Mark's Church 7pm. Children to arrive at 6.45pm, orchestra to arrive at 6.30pm
Mon 18 Dec	Year 3 Christmas Party - PM
Tues 19 Dec	Year 5 Christmas Party – AM *NEW* EYFS Christmas Party - PM
Weds 20 Dec	Year 6 Christmas Party – AM Year 2 Christmas Party - PM
Thurs 21 Dec	Year 1 Christmas Party – AM Year 4 Christmas Party - PM
Fri 22 Dec	*NEW* School Closes at 2.30pm. Casual day, no donations required.
Mon 8 Jan 2024	Training Day – Children not in school
Tues 9 Jan 2024	School Opens at the usual time

Did you hear us on Your Harrogate this week at 7.35am each morning? We were school of the week! Well done to Eva, Nancy, (Y5) Annabel, Marley and Harvey (Y6) who were all featured this week.

Your Harrogate has also informed us of the following which may be of interest to you. They are currently doing half price vouchers for the ice-rink in Harrogate that can be used during the Christmas holidays:
<https://yourharrogate.co.uk/vouchers/days-out/harrogate-ice-rink-half-price-family-ticket/>



On Monday, I led a 'No-outsiders' assembly about a yellow penguin which was found on South Georgia Island. Scientists have been debating about why the penguin looks so different with some calling it an albino penguin and others saying it could be an 'ino-bird.'

The photograph was taken by Belgian photographer Yves Adams and he described how the penguin gave him a little show; "swam to shore just in front of us... flicked water off its feathers, walked up the sand and entered a colony of King penguins."



I asked the children to look at the photograph and decide whether they thought the yellow penguin was unhappy; if they felt the other penguins were concerned by the penguin not looking like them; if the yellow penguin was accepted by the other penguins; if they thought the penguin was in more danger from predators than the other penguins and asked the children to explain the reasoning behind their answers. I was very impressed with the children's responses, which were thoughtful and positive. My favourite responses were 'Isn't nature beautiful' and 'the penguin is unique and we are all unique.'

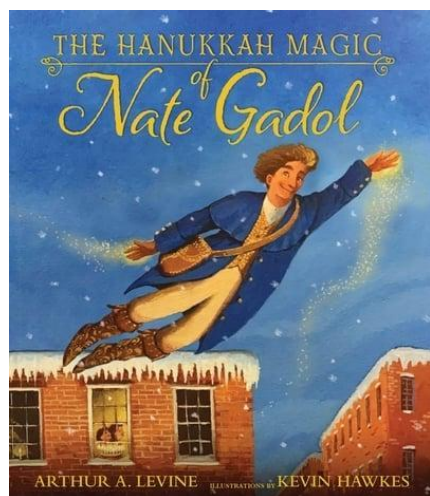
HARROGATE TOWN SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT – FOOD PARCELS

A huge thank you to everyone who brought in donations for our social action project with Harrogate Town AFC. James Daly and Josh Marsh, two players from Harrogate Town visited school today and helped children decorate the boxes. There was a little competition between the two of them to see who could decorate the best box! The food boxes will be taken to the Food Bank next week where two of our children and Mrs Wood will be having a tour of the Food Bank Warehouse.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Today is your opportunity to build the tomorrow you want." (Ken Poirot, author)

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



On Wednesday, Mrs Mansfield read the book 'The Hanukkah Magic of Nate Gadol' written by Arthur A. Levine and illustrated by Kevin Hawkes. This book links to the celebration of Hanukkah from Dec 7 – Dec 15th. The Music this week was: The Yeshiva Boys Choir - Those Were The Nights (of Chanukah)

Amazon.com describes the book as follows: 'Nate Gadol is a great big spirit with eyes as shiny as golden coins and a smile that is lantern bright. He can make anything last as long as it is needed, like a tiny bit of oil that must stretch for eight nights, a flower that needs to stay fresh to cheer up someone ailing, or a small lump of chocolate that grows to allow the Glaser family to treat their children over the holiday and, during a harsh winter when medicine is needed more than sweets, spurs them to share what little they have with the O'Malleys. In this charming holiday hybrid story, well-known children's author and editor Arthur A. Levine pairs with award-winning illustrator Kevin Hawkes to offer a mythical, magical take on the way Jewish families came to give and receive gifts over Hanukkah, just as their Christian neighbours do at Christmas, thanks to a loving spirit named Nate Gadol working behind the scenes – together with a certain jolly old soul.'

If you would like to hear this story for yourself, you can do so here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tcv3G8DafLM>

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Ava H-S (AC), Zac S (CN/SK) Ted H-B(AB) Tallulah M-G (ER), Harrison J (JW), Lilly-Rose R (EM), Holly W-M (KM), Heston H (JJ/CR), Ozzy S (PA/EH), Martha C (SK), Thea B (TM), Oliver H (CD).

Congratulations to the children who were on the top table last week: Jacob T (EYFS), Zane A (Y1), Emily P (Y2), Holly W-M (Y3), Elise H (Y4), Annabelle E (Y5), Austin S (Y6).

Lunchtime Award: Congratulations to Tess (Y3) whose winning ticket was drawn out for great behaviour at lunchtime.

HEALTHY SCHOOL AWARD



I am pleased to announce that we have been awarded the Healthy Schools Award. We have worked hard to promote Emotional Health and Wellbeing in school, enabling pupils to be active throughout the school day, developing a whole school approach to mental health and taking action to support the health and wellbeing of all school staff. Well done to Miss MacGillivray who worked hard on this, collating all the evidence and presenting it for review, as well as being our PSHCE Leader. We received 'Silver' and are very proud of this.

EYFS NATIVITY AND KS1 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, we were wowed with the performances of our EYFS Nativity and our Y1/Y2 Christmas production. The children were absolutely amazing and I was so proud of them for getting on stage; singing, dancing and telling the Christmas story. When you think that the children are aged between 4 and 7 years old, it really astounds me that they have such courage and confidence to get up and perform in front of an audience of adults. A huge thank you to all my colleagues who supported the children in being able to put on such wonderful shows and to all of our parents/carers in EYFS – Y2 who came and watched their children perform and supported their children, and us, by providing costumes. It definitely feels like Christmas now!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND JUMPER DAY

It was lovely to see everyone in their Christmas jumpers today, making it very festive in school. It was also our Christmas lunch day and Hutchisons, our caterers, put on a magnificent feast for us all. It was a lovely social occasion, with Christmas music playing and our Christmas tree twinkling brightly in the corner of the hall. A huge thank you to our cook, Andrea and the whole kitchen team for providing a super Christmas dinner for us, which was delicious, and to all my colleagues who supported the smooth running of the service during lunchtime.

YEAR 3 VISIT TO TEMPLE NEWSAM

Last week, Year 3 went on an amazing trip to Temple Newsam as part of their work on The Tudors. They had a great time and the children were so well behaved. They asked lots of questions and showed a real interest in the different workshops that they took part in. They made a human timeline, dressed up as wealthy Tudors and even learnt part of Henry VIII's favourite dance! The children were great ambassadors for our school, with the staff at Temple Newsam saying that the children were one of the best behaved groups for knowledge and behaviour they have ever had! Well done Year 3.



RED KITE YOUTH BOARD



Red Kite Learning Trust is keen to learn from our young people, to give them a voice and an opportunity to help shape the future of our Trust and schools. Last year our Trust set up a Red Kite Youth Board, with pupil representatives from each of our 14 schools. The Red Kite Youth Board met up for the fifth time this term and you can read all about what was discussed and achieved in this meeting [here](#). Our next Red Kite Youth Board meeting will be on Monday 15th January and our Youth Board reps would love to hear about any ideas and initiatives pupils in our schools would like to share.

[Youth Board Update \(rkl.t.co.uk\)](http://rkl.t.co.uk).

Attendance for the week Friday 8 December to Thursday 14 December 2023

93.1%

Eco Committee's Weekly Top Tip:

Use recyclable paper for gifts

COMMUNITY NEWS

We have received the following link which may be of interest to you about the Children's Autism Assessment Service:

[Children's Autism Assessment Service - Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust \(hdft.nhs.uk\)](http://hdft.nhs.uk)

A promotional poster for Harrogate District Christmas Holiday Activities. The poster features the Harrogate District logo and the FEAST logo. It lists six activities in blue boxes with their locations and descriptions. At the bottom, it says 'Book your FREE space now!' with a QR code and 'FEAST is available for all children and young people across North Yorkshire, with free places and a free meal for eligible children and young people.' The website 'feastny.org' is also mentioned.

HARROGATE DISTRICT
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

A selection of activities available in your area

BASECAMP WINTER ADVENTURE CAMP - RAINTON VILLAGE MALL Indoor and outdoor fun with nature	ZEN SENSORY HOLIDAY CLUB - ZEN SENSORY A safe and inclusive space for all	DOPEAMN HOLIDAY CAMP - KING JAMES HIGH SCHOOL Physical and mental well-being fitness camp
TOTAL SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMPS - ASPIN PARK ACADEMY Child-centred games, sports and fun	HARROGATE AFC HOLIDAY CLUB - COPPICE VALLEY SCHOOL Engaging sports and craft sessions	MINI ATHLETICS SUPERSTAR HOLIDAY CAMP - ST MARY'S PRIMARY Game-based activities and sports

Book your **FREE** space now!

FEAST is available for all children and young people across North Yorkshire, with free places and a free meal for eligible children and young people.

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Teaching Assistant Courses



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We ask all learners to first complete a free short **Introduction to working with children** course, where they will look at the basics of how schools function and determine which future learning pathway is right for each individual.

Upcoming online **Introduction to Working with Children** courses:

Saturdays	13 January 2024 - 03 February 2024, 09:30 - 11:30
Mondays	15 January 2024 - 21st December, 13:00 - 15:00

Progression is then to one or more of the following NCFE CACHE qualification courses:

- Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools
- Level 2 Award in Support Work in Schools and Colleges
- Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching & Learning
- Level 3 Diploma in Supporting Teaching and Learning

For more information phone **01609 536 066** and ask to speak with a **Learner Engagement Officer**

Email: LearningAdvice@northyorks.gov.uk
Web: www.northyorks.gov.uk/adultlearning



Scan here to enrol online

I'm looking forward to the KS2 Christmas Concert on Monday and for the festivities to continue. We also have our Christmas parties next week too!

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend.



Corrine Penhale
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